

REMARKS

Claims 1-12 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,691,106 to Sathyanaranyan. Claims 1-12 are pending.

Reconsideration of the claims in view of the amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

Further, the Examiner suggested adding headings to the specification. Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Examiner's suggestion, however respectfully declines to add the headings as they are not required in accordance with MPEP §608.01(a).

On the merits, Claim 1 recites A meta data category, for use by a Web site to describe information therein, the meta data category comprising a task-description language application to specify types of web applications and services in said Web site as one or more functional identifiers. Independent claim 6 recites similar limitations.

Applicants respectfully submits that Sathyanaranyan fails to teach, show or imply at least the limitation of the meta data category comprising a task-description

language application to specify types of web applications and services in said Web site as one or more functional identifiers.

Sathyaranarayanan, as read by applicants, relates to an instant portal software module that executes on a user (PC) computer for locating relevant Web pages, which includes instructions to collect information regarding a user from the computer system. Instructions are provided to create a user profile based on information collected, see col. 2, lines 46-60. It does not relate to a meta data category, for use by a Web site to describe information therein. Accordingly, Applicants submit amended independent claims 1 and 6 are patentable under 35 U.S.C 103.

Dependent claims 2-5 and 7-12 are likewise deemed to be patentable due to their dependency from the respective base claims, but should be examined in view of their additional limitations.

The applicants submit that the claims fully satisfy the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 103. In view of the foregoing remarks, entry of this amendment, favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue of the present application are respectfully solicited.

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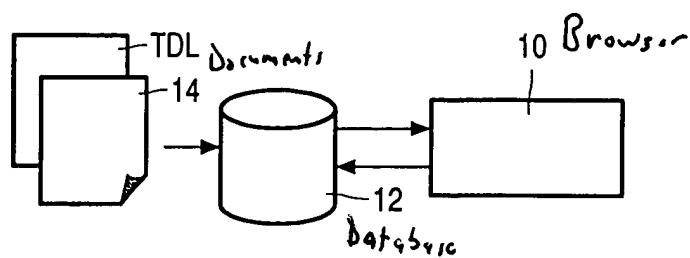


FIG. 1

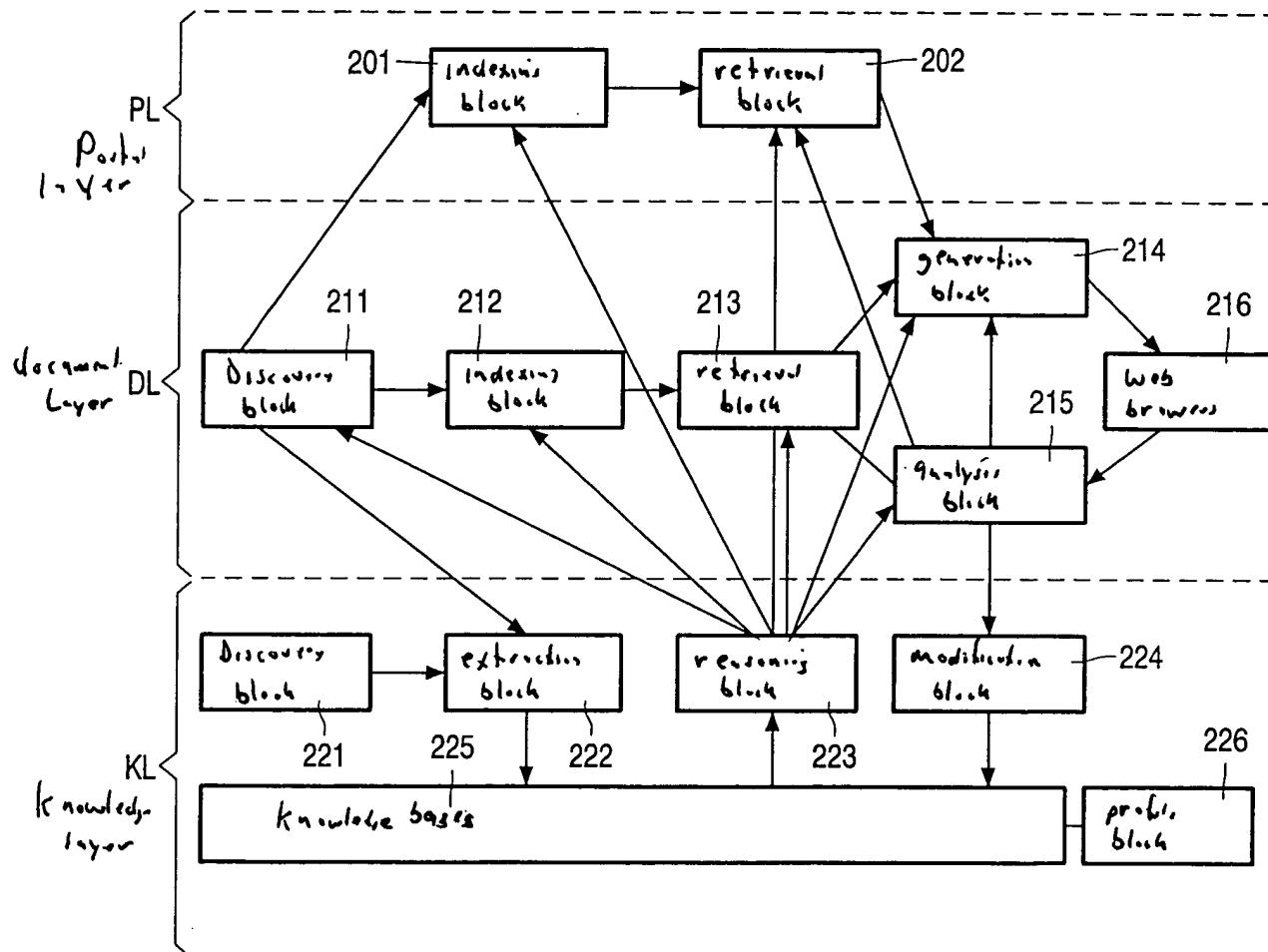


FIG. 2